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1. After completing her trial runs which had begun on 18 December 1949, Soviet destroyer Provorny left Rostock harbor for an unidentified destination on 13 January 1950. *
2. Work on the former German destroyers Z4 and Z8 was pushed ahead. On the Z8 steam trials were carried out, resulting in major damage in a boiler room caused by Soviet personnel who were stationed in the Neptun yard for instruction aboard the vessels under repair or construction. **
3. Major damage was caused in a boiler room of the destroyer Z8 during the steam trials which took place shortly before Christmas 1949, as a result of negligence or incompetence on the part of the Soviet personnel. The boiler was for a time run without water, and, in addition, the condenser had been put under pressure. The condenser has become unserviceable and a condensate cell rent. The completion of the destroyer was delayed for some weeks.
4. The Soviet naval personnel detailed for instruction aboard work with greater zeal than before and the dockyard workers have also been called on to work 12 hours instead of 8 hours as before that event.
5. Work on the third destroyer which arrived last has not been started.
6. Besides the destroyers, 7 former German mine sweepers of the M-40 type lie in the Neptun yard.

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In contrast with the destroyer crews, the Soviet crews of these mine sweepers live on the boats.

German shipyard workers have not yet worked on these boats.***.

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[REDACTED] Comment :

* The destroyer Provorny is the former German destroyer [REDACTED] of the Narvik Class. 25X1C

** The designations Z4 and Z8 of the two other destroyers under repair are only designations given by the shipyard rather than destroyer numbers of the Soviet Navy. The statement that the vessels are former German destroyers is erroneous. According to the reports received up to now on these two destroyers, they are units of the modern Soviet O Class, i.e. Otyashny (Z4) and Sviropny (Z8). Destroyer Otyashny was laid down only during the war and not commissioned until 1947 or 1948. The modern vessels of the O Class differ somewhat from the older units of this class in armament and length (e.g. Destroyer Storozhevoi). The following peacetime complements are established for the older destroyers of the O Class:

a. Officers :	15
b. Petty officers :	45
c. Other ratings :	147
d. Total :	207

*** As to the reported seven mine sweepers it has not been clearly established whether they belong to the M-40 or the M-43 Class. It is inferred from another report that the armament and the sweeping gears and lines on all the boats have been removed. One boat is still fitted with the former German dipole antenna of the German radar receiver. The ultrahigh-frequency emitters are still on all the boats. Most of the boats have been stationed in Rostock since 1946 and patrol the Gedser Strait from that port. 25X1C

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[REDACTED] were sighted off Lepaya on 6 September 1949.

2 Annexes : 2 photographs.